

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

THOMAS M. GATTLE, JR.  
CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Bill Busbice  
Glynn Carver  
Norman McCall

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was also present.

Commissioners Warren Delacroix, Tom Kelly and Jerry Stone were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **August 3, 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner McCall and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

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Chairman

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recognized the Commission had the authority to lower the nonresident fees if the effect would be detrimental to the Department and tourism in Louisiana. The Bill passed the House and the Senate with the exact number of votes needed. Also Representative Daniel explained several other bills passed during the Session which would provide additional monies to the Department. He thanked the Commission for their attention and taking the initiative to tackle the fee issue.

Chairman Gattle noted Louisiana's fees were at \$160 when Mississippi charged \$225 for hunting. He added that Dr. Polles stated during their meeting they were looking to increase their nonresident hunting fees to \$300 and this was one reason for the fees incorporated in the Notice of Intent.

Commissioner Carver asked Mrs. Janis Landry if a bill passed which would allow a person born in Louisiana but resides in another state to buy licenses at resident rates? Mrs. Landry answered that was known as the Louisiana Native License and it is a 5 day privilege purchased at an annual resident rate. Proof must be in the form of an original or certified copy of a birth certificate presented at the time of purchase.

An Unidentified Speaker asked if the Commission had a number of nonresident fishing licenses sold thus far this year as compared to last year and what impact the increase was having on the State? Commissioner Carver stated, last year at this time they sold 120 3-day licenses and this year they have sold only 37 which results in a reduction of 77 percent in license sales.

Mr. Butch Thurmond from Slidell asked if there were numbers on how much would be lost from the sale of 3-day or 5-day licenses? Chairman Gattle explained the action taken by the Commission on nonresident fishing licenses. Then Mr. Thurmond asked if a Declaration of Emergency was possible? Chairman Gattle stated the Legal Counsel stated a Declaration of Emergency was not possible and these proposed fees would be for next season.

Ms. Myra See from Baton Rouge stated she was very glad the Legislators attended the meeting. She hoped the Commission would go down further on the license fees.

The motion passed with no opposition.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Chairman

**Rule Ratification - Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)** was handled by Mr. Dave Moreland. This action was initiated in May and the Department has received no adverse letters or comments pertaining to the changes in the DMAP rules. The staff is moving forward with processing DMAP applications for this year, stated Mr. Moreland. Chairman Gattle asked if the proposed rule addressed primarily the boundaries? Mr. Moreland stated the change addresses the posting of signs every 1,000 feet and on each side of the entrance to the property. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion adopting the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds**

**§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP Cooperators**

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

**§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program**

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

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e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:

i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters



HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26: (September 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

Mr. Dave Moreland also handled the **Rule Ratification on Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program**. This proposed rule was initiated in May and will provide either sex harvest opportunities for landowners enrolled in the Forest Stewardship Program, the Alternative Livestock Program with the Department of Agriculture and landowners having less than 500 acres that are having deer depredation problems. Chairman Gattle asked if these opportunities were available only during the season? Mr. Moreland stated there would be no out of season shooting. Chairman Gattle stated he received a lot of comments from farmers who have problems with deer during their growing season in July and August. Out of season shooting with depredation permits was looked into and discussed with the Enforcement Division, but it was decided only to provide the opportunity during the legal hunting season, commented Mr. Moreland. Commissioner Busbice asked if there would be a charge for the tags? Mr. Moreland stated there would be a \$25 enrollment fee. Commissioner Busbice asked about the cost for Department to investigate a deer depredation problem? Mr. Moreland answered these duties are already being done. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if it was known how many tags would be issued in a year? Mr. Moreland commented there may be 10 landowners interested this year. Commissioner Carver agreed with Chairman Gattle in that this program will be totally ineffective since the damage is not done during deer season. Mr. Moreland hoped this program would provide some relief and added that it could be discussed again with the Enforcement Division to try to allow shooting deer out of season under a depredation permit. Chairman Gattle asked that this should be looked at again. Mr. Moreland then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Carver.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Rule to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

#### RULE

##### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule on participating in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

#### Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

#### §119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

#### 4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by the Deer Program personnel. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Deer Program or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Hunting license # or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

#### 5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26: (September 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency - Waterfowl Season was presented by Mr. Robert Helm. At the last Commission Meeting, tentative season dates were adopted for the waterfowl season and now was time to ratify these regulations. Mr. Helm read the season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, coots and geese. Mr. Helm noted an exception on the shooting hours for Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish was the only change from the tentative dates. Commissioner Busbice asked if the shooting hours exception was possible without

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for ducks, geese and coots.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopt the following Emergency Rule.

The hunting seasons for Ducks, Coots and Geese during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

#### SEASON DATES FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE

##### DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (60 days) Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (23 days)  
Dec. 16 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (37 days)  
East Zone: (60 days) Nov. 18 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)  
Catahoula Lake Zone: (60 days)  
Nov. 18 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Days - Statewide, January 27-28

Daily Bag Limits: The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any District Office. Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 2001 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Canada Goose Season the following year.

**RAILS:** Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.) (54 days)

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.

SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

**GALLINULES:** Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.) (54 days)

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

**SNIPE:** Nov. 4 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (30 days)

Dec. 14 (Thurs.)-Feb. 28 (Wed.) (77 days)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours end at 2 p.m.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective October 28, 2000 and extend through sunset on March 11, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

Commissioner Busbice made a motion allowing a youth guided turkey hunt on three WMAs and this hunt be open to children under the age of 16 by pre-application lottery. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Brandt Savoie presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Fur Trapping Season**. A packet containing the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and a summary of last year seasons were given to the Commissioners. Only 992 trapping licenses were sold last year which is about a drop of 552. The total take in pelts was 39,971 which is also down 100,788 pelts. Value was \$207,364, down from \$244,969 last year. For the past two seasons, harvest has been at their lowest since records have been kept, commented Mr. Savoie. The reason for the declines are related to a soft market for wild furs not only in Louisiana, but throughout the world. Nutria prices last year were very disappointing and thus the harvest fell off. The staff is recommending the maximum possible trapping opportunities to try to increase harvest especially on nutria, beaver and raccoon. For the 2000-2001 trapping season, the recommended dates are November 20, 2000 to March 31, 2001 statewide. Commissioner Busbice asked if any presentations have been made to recruit people for this activity? Mr. Savoie stated the Fur & Alligator Council conducts education programs continuously and the Department has tried to boost nutria through meat sales. He noted again the problem was the world market for fur products. Commissioner Busbice asked what was the cost for a license? Mr. Savoie answered \$25. Chairman Gattle felt the styles were changing and people were not wearing furs like they used to. He added that beaver and nutria are devastating to agricultural crops and drainage. Chairman Gattle suggested setting a bounty on nutria and beaver to enhance their take. Mr. Savoie stated they were looking at making nutria an outlaw quadruped. Commissioner McCall asked what was the most muskrat pelts taken in one year. Mr. Savoie was not certain, but thought it was in the hundreds of thousands range. Mr. Phil Bowman stated that in 1983, hunters harvested 1.5 million nutria in Louisiana. He added the Department recognizes the impact from these animals on the landscape and coastal marshes. The Fur & Alligator Council was trying to develop new markets and new products to increase the price of these animals. Mr. Bowman also stated legislation would be introduced to make nutria an outlaw quadruped. Commissioner McCall asked that the figures on the number of pelts taken be provided if possible. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Savoie to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Carver

disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000-2001 fur harvest season statewide from November 20, 2000 through March 31, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000-2001 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the

Region VIII - New Orleans - 329 citations and 115 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 114 citations and 20 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 19 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 28 citations and 7 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 51 citations.

SWEP - 22 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 56 citations and 9 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,237. Also there were 258 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for August 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 114.7 hours for enforcement and 17.4 hours for other divisions. Also there were 8 citations issued.

Major LaCaze then introduced Captain Brad Smith for a report on Region 2. Chairman Gattle asked that other personnel come to the Meetings and present a report on what goes on in their district. Captain Smith began stating this was his 30<sup>th</sup> year with Wildlife and Fisheries and he has been a Captain since 1983. Four factors have contributed to good enforcement and these included: education of the young hunters; forming of hunting clubs; prosecuting of violators by DA's and strong sentences by judges; and Department administrators working with the Legislature to write good, enforceable legislation. These factors have caused a reduction in the number of citations written. He then noted several examples that showed reasons for a decrease in the number of cases. Commissioner Busbice stated he was glad that the Captains will be coming to the Meetings so he could understand what was going on in the field. He then stated to Captain Smith that his total cases were low compared to Minden area. Commissioner Busbice then asked if the 17 agents was motivated or was there a moral problem? Captain Smith stated it takes lot of time and more personnel to make the major cases. He cited 5 examples of citations and compared them with other Regions. Commissioner Busbice asked Captain Smith if his employees were good. Captain Smith felt his employees were good; and added that the Prosecutors



**WHEREAS,** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

**WHEREAS,** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and

**WHEREAS,** a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 40 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and

**WHEREAS,** latest figures indicate that the total economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is almost \$3 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$1.4 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana residents have spent \$43.1 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

**WHEREAS,** the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.1 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$308 million, with more than 30,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

**THEREFORE** I, Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 7th day of September 2000, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 23, 2000 as the

**16th ANNUAL  
LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to set a \$15 fee on a Louisiana nonresident three-day trip basic recreational sport fishing license, by repealing LAC 76:VII.407D and amending LAC 76:VII.407A as follows.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 4. License and License Fees

#### §407. Three-day Basic and Saltwater Nonresident Recreational Fishing License Fees

A. In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license, a nonresident may purchase a three-day basic recreational sport fishing license for a fee of \$15 which shall be valid for three consecutive days.

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D. Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:710 (April 1998), amended LR .

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Commission to work with Mississippi and ask them to reconsider their position on out of state hunters. Chairman Gattle apologized to Representative Powell and Senator Robert Barham for not recognizing and acknowledging them sooner in the meeting. He added that he and other Department staff met with Dr. Sam Polles and Chairman Bill Pittman to try to avoid any action by Mississippi. He then stated that he and Mr. Jim Patton also spoke with the Mississippi Wildlife and Parks Commission. Chairman Gattle believed the action taken by Mississippi was reciprocal action.

An Unidentified Speaker stated the nonresident license fees are still \$91 higher than Mississippi and if Mississippi reciprocates, they will charge \$91 more than what is now charged. Alabama charges \$205 and Mississippi charges \$261. He suggested reducing the fees back to \$261. Hunters between 16 and 19 years of age is the group having the most difficult in coming up with the money to buy licenses. Hunters 60 years of age should not be given a free ride, since they are at their peak earning income, according to statistics, and they can afford to pay for the licenses. Commissioner Busbice stated the Commission was trying to fix a package the Legislature would pass. The Speaker asked where did the Legislature get their numbers to raise the fees? Chairman Gattle felt it was a joint effort between the Department and the Legislature. He added the Commission could only lower the fees.

Senator Robert Barham, District 33, commented to Commissioner Busbice the Legislature did not magically pull the numbers from the air. The numbers came from Department staff. He recalls the first proposal being in the \$240-250 range and have together the nonresident basic and big game hunting license. Then he stated when the legislation came out, the fees were in the \$400 plus range. Representative Barham asked the Commission to look at the fees during the 120 day period and possibly reduce them further to the original proposal and make it a multiple license. He concluded stating he appreciated the Commission's willingness to consider the issue and added he would continue to work in getting the needed revenues for the Department.

Representative William Daniel gave a historical perspective on the license fees. During the first session, the required votes could not be gotten due to certain areas of the bill such as the \$2.50 cane pole license and the 60 years of age fee. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session, Representative Daniel stated a meeting was held with all the Legislators and it was announced these fees would be the highest nonresident fees in the country. The Legislature

recognized the Commission had the authority to lower the nonresident fees if the effect would be detrimental to the Department and tourism in Louisiana. The Bill passed the House and the Senate with the exact number of votes needed. Also Representative Daniel explained several other bills passed during the Session which would provide additional monies to the Department. He thanked the Commission for their attention and taking the initiative to tackle the fee issue.

Chairman Gattle noted Louisiana's fees were at \$160 when Mississippi charged \$225 for hunting. He added that Dr. Polles stated during their meeting they were looking to increase their nonresident hunting fees to \$300 and this was one reason for the fees incorporated in the Notice of Intent.

Commissioner Carver asked Mrs. Janis Landry if a bill passed which would allow a person born in Louisiana but resides in another state to buy licenses at resident rates? Mrs. Landry answered that was known as the Louisiana Native License and it is a 5 day privilege purchased at an annual resident rate. Proof must be in the form of an original or certified copy of a birth certificate presented at the time of purchase.

An Unidentified Speaker asked if the Commission had a number of nonresident fishing licenses sold thus far this year as compared to last year and what impact the increase was having on the State? Commissioner Carver stated, last year at this time they sold 120 3-day licenses and this year they have sold only 37 which results in a reduction of 77 percent in license sales.

Mr. Butch Thurmond from Slidell asked if there were numbers on how much would be lost from the sale of 3-day or 5-day licenses? Chairman Gattle explained the action taken by the Commission on nonresident fishing licenses. Then Mr. Thurmond asked if a Declaration of Emergency was possible? Chairman Gattle stated the Legal Counsel stated a Declaration of Emergency was not possible and these proposed fees would be for next season.

Ms. Myra See from Baton Rouge stated she was very glad the Legislators attended the meeting. She hoped the Commission would go down further on the license fees.

The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to repeal LAC 76:V.101 relative to bow hunting licenses and to amend nonresident hunting fees as follows.

### Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

##### Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

##### **§101. Bow Hunting License**

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:105.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 4:405 (October 1978), repealed LR .

##### Chapter 5. Licenses and License Fees

##### **§501. Nonresident Hunting License Fees**

The basic hunting license fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars for the entire season or one hundred dollars for five consecutive days. The nonresident big game license fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars for the entire season or seventy-five dollars for five consecutive days. A fee of twenty-six dollars shall be charged a nonresident for the issuance of a special muzzleloader license; and a fee of twenty-six dollars shall be charged a nonresident for a special bow license.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to: Janis Landry, Licensing Manager, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898 prior to Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

**Rule Ratification - Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)** was handled by Mr. Dave Moreland. This action was initiated in May and the Department has received no adverse letters or comments pertaining to the changes in the DMAP rules. The staff is moving forward with processing DMAP applications for this year, stated Mr. Moreland. Chairman Gattle asked if the proposed rule addressed primarily the boundaries? Mr. Moreland stated the change addresses the posting of signs every 1,000 feet and on each side of the entrance to the property. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Moreland to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion adopting the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, September 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been a popular and successful deer management program for landowners and hunting clubs since its initiation during the 1981-82 hunting season, and

WHEREAS, rules governing DMAP were established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1991, and

WHEREAS, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and

WHEREAS, current DMAP posting regulations require that signs be posted every 200', and

WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and

WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Rule to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds**

**§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP Cooperators**

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

**§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program**

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

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e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:

i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters

no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

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#### B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.

a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP - Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer, or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26: (September 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

Mr. Dave Moreland also handled the **Rule Ratification on Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program**. This proposed rule was initiated in May and will provide either sex harvest opportunities for landowners enrolled in the Forest Stewardship Program, the Alternative Livestock Program with the Department of Agriculture and landowners having less than 500 acres that are having deer depredation problems. Chairman Gattle asked if these opportunities were available only during the season? Mr. Moreland stated there would be no out of season shooting. Chairman Gattle stated he received a lot of comments from farmers who have problems with deer during their growing season in July and August. Out of season shooting with depredation permits was looked into and discussed with the Enforcement Division, but it was decided only to provide the opportunity during the legal hunting season, commented Mr. Moreland. Commissioner Busbice asked if there would be a charge for the tags? Mr. Moreland stated there would be a \$25 enrollment fee. Commissioner Busbice asked about the cost for Department to investigate a deer depredation problem? Mr. Moreland answered these duties are already being done. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if it was known how many tags would be issued in a year? Mr. Moreland commented there may be 10 landowners interested this year. Commissioner Carver agreed with Chairman Gattle in that this program will be totally ineffective since the damage is not done during deer season. Mr. Moreland hoped this program would provide some relief and added that it could be discussed again with the Enforcement Division to try to allow shooting deer out of season under a depredation permit. Chairman Gattle asked that this should be looked at again. Mr. Moreland then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Carver.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, September 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is designed for landowners hunting clubs with 500 acres or more of land, and

WHEREAS, one of the major complaints from the public concerning DMAP is that small landowners are not able to participate, and

WHEREAS, individuals who possess an Alternative Livestock Program Permit and who have less than 500 acres are not eligible for antlerless deer tags, and

WHEREAS, farmers who have severe deer depredation problems and do not have more than 500 acres of land cannot participate in DMAP and reduce their deer depredation problems through legal deer hunting by receiving antlerless deer tags, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries presently has personnel who work with the Forest Stewardship Program, Alternative Livestock Program, and investigate deer depredation problems, and

WHEREAS, this work involves habitat surveys and the creation of wildlife management plans for these three groups of landowners, and

WHEREAS, allowing these landowners the ability to harvest antlerless deer at any time during the regular deer season will help keep deer populations in balance with available habitat, will assist in reducing deer depredation complaints, and provide additional deer hunting opportunities for these landowners and their guests on small tracts of land in Louisiana, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Rule to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

#### RULE

#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule on participating in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

#### Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

#### §119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

c. Landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

## 2. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Deer Program personnel or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1.

c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

## 3. Tags

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. In order to harvest an antlerless deer, each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged

before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

#### 4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by the Deer Program personnel. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Deer Program or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Hunting license # or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

#### 5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26: (September 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

**A Declaration of Emergency - Waterfowl Season** was presented by Mr. Robert Helm. At the last Commission Meeting, tentative season dates were adopted for the waterfowl season and now was time to ratify these regulations. Mr. Helm read the season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, coots and geese. Mr. Helm noted an exception on the shooting hours for Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish was the only change from the tentative dates. Commissioner Busbice asked if the shooting hours exception was possible without



doing a Notice of Intent? Chairman Gattle asked if the Conservation Order could be in place only when the all zones were closed? Mr. Helm stated the Conservation Order could be done by zones. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion approving the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington D. C., and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for ducks, geese and coots by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for ducks, geese and coots.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopt the following Emergency Rule.

The hunting seasons for Ducks, Coots and Geese during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

#### SEASON DATES FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE

##### DUCKS AND COOTS:

**West Zone:** (60 days) Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (23 days)  
Dec. 16 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (37 days)  
**East Zone:** (60 days) Nov. 18 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)  
**Catahoula Lake Zone:** (60 days)  
Nov. 18 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)

##### Youth Waterfowl Days - Statewide, January 27-28

**Daily Bag Limits:** The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

**Mergansers** - The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

**Possession Limit** - The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

**GEESE: LIGHT GEESE ( SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS') AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**

**West Zone:** Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Dec. 10 (Sun.) (30 days)  
Dec. 16 (Sat.)-Feb. 9 (Fri.) (56 days)  
**East Zone:** Oct. 28 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (37 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 26 (Fri.) (49 days)

Daily bag limit for light geese: 20  
Possession limit for light geese: None

Daily bag limit for white-fronted geese: 2  
Possession limit for white-fronted geese: 4

**CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE**

**West Zone:** Dec. 11 (Mon.)-Dec. 15 (Fri.) (5 days)  
Feb. 10 (Sat.)-March 11 (Sun.) (30 days)  
**East Zone:** Dec. 4 (Mon.)-Dec. 8 (Fri.) (5 days)  
Jan. 29 (Mon.)-March 11 (Sun.) (42 days)

Only snow, blue and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend until one-half hour after sunset.

**CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW**

Jan. 16 (Tues)-Jan. 24 (Wed) (9 days)

During the Canada Goose Season the daily bag limit for Canada geese shall be one. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. The closed area is described as follows:

Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with La.

Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any District Office. Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 2001 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Canada Goose Season the following year.

**RAILS:** Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.) (54 days)

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.

SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

**GALLINULES:** Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.) (54 days)

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

**SNIBE:** Nov. 4 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) (30 days)

Dec. 14 (Thurs.)-Feb. 28 (Wed.) (77 days)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours end at 2 p.m.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective October 28, 2000 and extend through sunset on March 11, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.  
Chairman

Following this action, Mr. Helm stated he compiled information on the upcoming teal season and in particular habitat conditions and how it relates to the current drought. The power point presentation began with Mr. Helm stating Baton Rouge is 22" below normal rainfall for the first 8 months of this year. The drought conditions continues up through the Mississippi River Valley to southern Missouri and extending over to Florida and westward to Texas. Northwest Louisiana is the exception on rainfall for the State. Mr. Helm then gave figures comparing northwest Louisiana with southwest and southeast Louisiana over the last 19 months. The freshwater marsh systems in southwest Louisiana are extremely dry. Managed sites are going to be very important for the teal unless rainfall occurs. Another problem will be access for hunters to get to their blinds. Some of the deeper marshes are supporting good habitats. Salinity is very high and well above the long term average. Rice fields appear not to be in too good of shape with 130,000 acres less planted this year. The areas around Monroe and Shreveport have just starting experiencing the drought. Mr. Helm concluded stating the teal season this year will open on Friday, September 15 and close Saturday, September 30. Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Helm if he knows how much rain it would take to bring the marshes back? Mr. Helm answered at least one and one-half feet of water. Chairman Gattle stated the Corps of Engineers has told him there would be negative numbers at Vicksburg in October. He also stated there was a need for rain up north as well as along the coast.

Chairman Gattle then asked for **Public Comment on the 2001 Turkey Season.** Mr. Tommy Prickett announced an amendment was needed to the Turkey Notice of Intent to include youth hunts on three areas in the State. The Department would partner with the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation and provide several youth with a guided hunt. Loggy Bayou WMA will have a hunt of April 7 for five youth; Big Lake WMA will hold their hunt on March 17 for ten youth and then Tensas National Wildlife Refuge will have a two-day hunt on March 17 and 18 for 20 youth. Mr. Prickett felt this program will be real positive and should provide some high quality recreation. Commissioner McCall asked what is the age involved? Mr. Prickett stated it was open to any youth under the age of 16 and winners will be drawn from a pre-application lottery. Parents can accompany their child and guide on the hunt if they wish. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Puckett if a motion was needed to amend the Notice of Intent? Mr. Puckett stated action could be held until ratification of the rule, but there is no problem with passing a resolution on the proposal to better inform the public.

Commissioner Busbice made a motion allowing a youth guided turkey hunt on three WMAs and this hunt be open to children under the age of 16 by pre-application lottery. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Brandt Savoie presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Fur Trapping Season**. A packet containing the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and a summary of last year seasons were given to the Commissioners. Only 992 trapping licenses were sold last year which is about a drop of 552. The total take in pelts was 39,971 which is also down 100,788 pelts. Value was \$207,364, down from \$244,969 last year. For the past two seasons, harvest has been at their lowest since records have been kept, commented Mr. Savoie. The reason for the declines are related to a soft market for wild furs not only in Louisiana, but throughout the world. Nutria prices last year were very disappointing and thus the harvest fell off. The staff is recommending the maximum possible trapping opportunities to try to increase harvest especially on nutria, beaver and raccoon. For the 2000-2001 trapping season, the recommended dates are November 20, 2000 to March 31, 2001 statewide. Commissioner Busbice asked if any presentations have been made to recruit people for this activity? Mr. Savoie stated the Fur & Alligator Council conducts education programs continuously and the Department has tried to boost nutria through meat sales. He noted again the problem was the world market for fur products. Commissioner Busbice asked what was the cost for a license? Mr. Savoie answered \$25. Chairman Gattle felt the styles were changing and people were not wearing furs like they used to. He added that beaver and nutria are devastating to agricultural crops and drainage. Chairman Gattle suggested setting a bounty on nutria and beaver to enhance their take. Mr. Savoie stated they were looking at making nutria an outlaw quadruped. Commissioner McCall asked what was the most muskrat pelts taken in one year. Mr. Savoie was not certain, but thought it was in the hundreds of thousands range. Mr. Phil Bowman stated that in 1983, hunters harvested 1.5 million nutria in Louisiana. He added the Department recognizes the impact from these animals on the landscape and coastal marshes. The Fur & Alligator Council was trying to develop new markets and new products to increase the price of these animals. Mr. Bowman also stated legislation would be introduced to make nutria an outlaw quadruped. Commissioner McCall asked that the figures on the number of pelts taken be provided if possible. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Savoie to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Carver

seconded the motion. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. John Herd, Vice-President of Louisiana Taxidermy Association, stated bobcats and foxes are illegal to harvest in Louisiana, but can be harvested in all of the surrounding states. He felt if they were not controlled, they would go after turkeys, rabbits and other animals. This will allow their populations to grow. Mr. Herd asked why has Louisiana not legalized the taking of bobcats and foxes? Mr. Savoie stated there are federal regulations on bobcats and foxes that have to be considered, but they will look at harvesting them during the next trapping season.

The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

##### 2000-2001 Fur Trapping Season

adopted by the

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000-2001 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
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**Recognize Louisiana National Champions for Youth Hunter Education Challenge** began by Mr. Bud Carpenter asking the DeSoto Parish team that represented Louisiana at the YHEC in Mansfield, Pennsylvania in July to come forward. He then introduced the 2000 Overall National Junior Champions Alex Troegel, Brian Crooks, Jared Hayes, Charlie Edwards, and Chet Carpenter. Out of the eight events, the team placed first in four events and placed third in two events. Charlie Edwards placed second in muzzleloader and third in wildlife identification. Chet Carpenter was first in rifle, second in wildlife exam, and third overall individually. Mr. Carpenter then recognized the coaches. Chairman Gattle stated, on behalf of the Commission, how proud he was of the team in representing Louisiana.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for August** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of August.

Region I - Minden - 100 citations and 19 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 47 citations and 15 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 120 citations and 32 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 47 citations and 3 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 92 citations and 18 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 192 citations and 14 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 190 citations and 22 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 329 citations and 115 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 114 citations and 20 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 19 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 28 citations and 7 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 51 citations.

SWEP - 22 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 56 citations and 9 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,237. Also there were 258 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for August 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 114.7 hours for enforcement and 17.4 hours for other divisions. Also there were 8 citations issued.

Major LaCaze then introduced Captain Brad Smith for a report on Region 2. Chairman Gattle asked that other personnel come to the Meetings and present a report on what goes on in their district. Captain Smith began stating this was his 30<sup>th</sup> year with Wildlife and Fisheries and he has been a Captain since 1983. Four factors have contributed to good enforcement and these included: education of the young hunters; forming of hunting clubs; prosecuting of violators by DA's and strong sentences by judges; and Department administrators working with the Legislature to write good, enforceable legislation. These factors have caused a reduction in the number of citations written. He then noted several examples that showed reasons for a decrease in the number of cases. Commissioner Busbice stated he was glad that the Captains will be coming to the Meetings so he could understand what was going on in the field. He then stated to Captain Smith that his total cases were low compared to Minden area. Commissioner Busbice then asked if the 17 agents was motivated or was there a moral problem? Captain Smith stated it takes lot of time and more personnel to make the major cases. He cited 5 examples of citations and compared them with other Regions. Commissioner Busbice asked Captain Smith if his employees were good. Captain Smith felt his employees were good; and added that the Prosecutors

in their area work well with them also. Commissioner Carver stated he has hunted in Region 2 for many years and noted he would be the last to judge Captain Smith's job performance. He then stated he has asked his family from that area about the agents, and no one said anything bad about any of them. Commissioner Carver then expressed appreciation for the job Captain Smith was doing. Chairman Gattle stated he has heard mixed reviews. He asked if there were certain things the agents look for such as alcohol or drugs when patrolling? Captain Smith stated they do not look for anything incidental to their enforcement efforts. Commissioner Busbice asked what are some examples of extended medical leave? Captain Smith stated two of his agents have heart trouble and probably would not return. He then stated the agents of Region 2 have been real active with the public and the news media. Chairman Gattle asked Captain Smith if he has anyone to replace Agent Joe Chapman? Captain Smith stated he had one applicant, but are still recruiting to find the best person for the job.

*Burke*  
Ms. Marianne ~~March~~ handled the **National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation**. This is a national celebration to recognize sportsmen for their contributions to wildlife and fisheries related activities. This Day brings in thousands of people to the event and is well received by the public and the news media. Ms. ~~March~~ *Burke* stated the Governor has signed his Proclamation and the Mayor of Baton Rouge is in the process of signing his. She then asked the Chairman to sign a Proclamation on behalf of the Commission. Chairman Gattle asked Ms. ~~March~~ *Burke* to read the Therefore section of the Proclamation. Commissioner Carver made a motion accepting the Proclamation. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Gattle felt this was a great event and added he has tried to promote it since being on the Commission.

(The full text of the Proclamation is made a part of the record.)

## STATE OF LOUISIANA

### Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

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**16th ANNUAL  
LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

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The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, January 4, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Fred Kimmel reported the dove season opened September 2 and in general, there were good numbers of birds in the State. Reports from the regions described hunting only as fair. With the temperatures being over 100 degrees, this probably made the birds less active and flew later. Several WMAs were open and those such as Big Colewa, Sandy Hollow and Buckhorn were successful. Leased fields in the Opelousas and Lake Charles Regions had mixed results. Mr. Kimmel concluded stating he hoped to have cooler weather for the remainder of the season.

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Carver.

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## TENNIS/OUTDOORS/OLYMPICS

# Waterfowl seasons get LWFC approval

By JOE MACALUSO  
Advocate outdoors writer

Following approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ratified a fourth-straight, 60-day-long, 6-ducks-per-day season for the state's waterfowlers for 2000-2001.

With the USFWS predicting over 90 million ducks in this late summer-fall migration, it should be good news for the Louisiana duck hunters, who take more ducks during the season here than in any other state.

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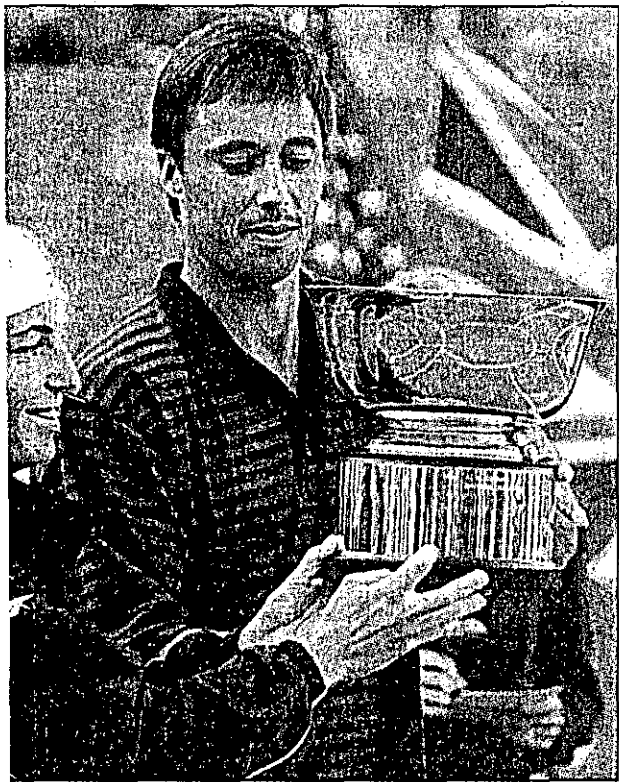
Mississippi's current hunting-license package costs Louisiana hunter \$261 compared to the MPWFC's retaliatory move in August to shove the cost to \$525. The LWFC's proposed reductions will

take the license package down to \$352.

Records from the two states show that as many as 22,000 Mississippi anglers fish in Louisiana waters, while 14,000 Louisianians hunt in Mississippi.

"I think this is good compromise for all concerned," Gattle said. "All along, the problem was how to best balance the need for revenue to the (Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries) department and to make a significant-enough drop in the fees for the sportsmen. The reductions, though, could still leave the department with as much as a \$1 million shortfall in its budget."

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## OLYMPIC NOTES

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"We do not do random or routine searches," Bedington said. "The person was selected for further investigation based on that risk assessment."

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and their absences didn't matter.

Lisa Leslie had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Katie Smith scored 16 points as the United States routed Poland 86-39 in its next-to-last tune-up for the Sydney Games.

Swoopes, the WNBA's MVP, missed the game because of a sprained left ankle. Edwards, about to become a five-time Olympian, was out with a

## REPORT

### AT A GLANCE

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#### DUCKS, COOTS & MERGANSERS

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● **East Zone & Catahoula Lake Zone:** Nov. 18-Dec. 3 (16 days) & Dec. 9-Jan. 21, 2001 (44 days).

● **Youth Waterfowl Days:** (Statewide) Jan. 27-28, 2001.

● **Daily Bag Limit:**

● **Ducks:** 6 ducks per day, of which there can be no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 can be hens), 3 mottled ducks, 3 scaup (dos gris), 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 1 black duck and 1 canvasback.

● **Possession limit:** is twice the daily limit after opening days of the splits.

● **Coots (poule d'eau):** 15. Possession limit is 30 after opening days of the splits.

● **Mergansers:** 5; only one of which may be a hooded merganser. (Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.) Possession limit is twice the daily limit after opening days of the splits.

#### BLUE, SNOW, ROSS & SPECKLEBELLY GEESSE

● **East Zone:** Oct. 28-Dec. 3 (37 days) & Dec. 9-Jan. 26, 2001 (49 days).

● **West Zone:** Nov. 11-Dec. 10 (30 days) & Dec. 16-Feb. 9, 2001 (56 days).

● **Daily Bag Limit:**

● **Blue, Snow & Ross' geese:** 20. No possession limit.

● **Specklebellies:** 2. Possession limit is 4 after opening days of the splits.

● **Conservation Order Season:** (Blue, Snow & Ross' only) West Zone: Dec. 11-15 (5 days) & Feb. 10-March 11, 2001 (30 days); East Zone: Dec. 4-Dec. 8 (5 days) & Jan. 29-March 11, 2001 (42 days).

The Conservation Order allows the use of electronic calls, unplugged shotguns, one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset shooting hours and no daily or possession limits.

● **Special Canada Goose Season:** Jan. 16-24, 2001. During the Canada goose season, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is one and the daily bag limit for specklebelly geese is two. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit for Canada geese.

The Canada goose season is open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. A special permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, to participate in the Canada goose season. This permit may be obtained by mail or in person at any LDWF Wildlife Division District office. A non-refundable \$5 administrative fee will be charged. Return of Canada goose harvest information listed on the permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to LDWF by Feb. 15, 2001 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Canada goose season the following year.

#### RAILS

● **Nov. 11-Jan. 3, 2001 (54 days):** Daily bag limit for king and clapper rails is 15 in the aggregate. Possession limit is 30 after opening day. Daily bag limit and possession limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25 in the aggregate.

#### GALLINULES

● **Nov. 11-Jan. 3, 2001 (54 days):** Daily bag limit 15. Possession limit is 30 after opening day.

#### SNIPES

● **Nov. 4-Dec. 3 (30 days) & Dec. 14-Feb. 28, 2001 (77 days):** Daily limit is 6. Possession limit is 16 after opening days of the splits.

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Advocate graphic

## Reports: Nigerian athlete killed in accident

By The Associated Press

**SYDNEY, Australia** — A Nigerian runner was killed when struck by a car Thursday night in western Sydney, according to reports.

New South Wales police refused Friday to release the identity of the man until relatives had been informed.

But the Australian Broadcasting Corp. and Channel Seven identified the man as Hyginus Anugo, 22, a 400-meter runner whom the broadcast outlets identified as a reserve relay runner for Nigeria.

John Coates, president of the Australian Olympic Committee, said Anugo did not have Olympic accred-

itation and was not staying at the Olympic athletes' village.

International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch sent a condolence note Friday to the Nigerian team.

Channel Seven said he was killed while running to catch a bus, but the Japanese news agency Kyodo reported Anugo was killed while crossing a road back to his room at a Bible college in western Sydney.

Anugo was considered a promising young 200- and 400-meter runner and had participated in the World Junior Championships in 1996.

"He was a very quiet person, an easy-going person," Nigerian coach Brown Ebebele told Kyodo.

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used to allow an athlete to train more strenuously, not during the period of tapering immediately before an event.

"If an athlete wants to cheat, he probably doesn't need to inject any more now. Because the effect of HGH lasts a long time," he said. "Medically, it doesn't make sense. But we know that athletes sometimes take more than makes sense medically."

The discovery of the substance Thursday morning at Sydney Airport was the first such seizure since athletes and officials began arriving for the games that begin Sept. 15.

Leon Bedington, the Olympics spokesman for the Australian Customs Service, said agents "detained a small quantity of what appears to be human growth hormone after it was found in the baggage of an Olympic team official at Sydney International Airport."

"The label is clearly marked as human growth hormone," Bedington said. "But it has not been chemically analyzed."

The Sydney Morning Herald reported vials of a second substance, labeled in a language other than English, also were seized from the official's baggage.

The person carrying the substance was stopped based on customs service assessments that identify people to search.

"We do not do random or routine searches," Bedington said. "The person was selected for further investigation based on that risk assessment."

Rogge said trainers were expelled from the Atlanta Games for giving performance-enhancing drugs to athletes "and we will do the same here if we have the proof. That person would be expelled."

The IOC has approved a test to detect the use of the banned synthetic hormone erythropoietin, or EPO, considered the drug of choice for endurance athletes, but there is still no test to detect HGH.

HGH, which helps build muscles, is produced naturally by the pituitary gland. A synthetic form of the drug is used therapeutically, especially to treat slow growth in children. Rogge said possible side effects of HGH use for an adult include diabetes, cancer and an unnatural growth of arms, legs, the jaw and the forehead.

Dick Pound, the IOC vice president and head of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said the seizure highlighted the success of heightened cooperation between the IOC and national governments in efforts to crack down on drug use in sport.

■ **U.S. 88, POLAND 39:** In Adelaide, Australia, Olympic veterans Sheryl Swoopes and Teresa Edwards sat while the U.S. women's basketball team played on Thursday

and their absences didn't matter.

Lisa Leslie had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Katie Smith scored 16 points as the United States routed Poland 86-39 in its next-to-last tune-up for the Sydney Games.

Swoopes, the WNBA's MVP missed the game because of a sprained left ankle. Edwards, about to become a five-time Olympian, was out with a hip pointer.

The United States, 8-0 since resuming its training last month, has won those games by an average of 36 points.

"We're approaching every game as if it's an Olympic game," said Leslie, who was 7-of-10 from the field in 21 minutes.

■ **KUERTEN TO PLAY IN SYDNEY AFTER COMPROMISE:** In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Gustavo Kuerten will join Brazil's Olympic team after sponsors compromised on a dispute that nearly kept him out of the Sydney Games.

"Everything is resolved," Kuerten said Thursday.

Kuerten's personal sponsor, Italy's Diadora, and the Brazilian Olympic Committee have agreed that Kuerten's Olympic uniform will not display any trademarks unless he wins a medal, in which case, he would wear a uniform provided by the team's official sponsor, sports-wear manufacturer Olympikus.

Earlier this week, the Committee announced Kuerten, No. 2 in the ATP Tour ranking, was off the team because the two sponsors could not agree on which trademark he would wear at the games.



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### LWFC makes proposal for license fee reductions

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

Reacting to waves of protest from Louisiana and out-of-state hunters and fishermen on Thursday, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposed several reductions in newly enacted nonresident hunting and fishing license fees.

The proposal, outlined by LWFC chairman Tom Gattle, would lower the 3-day basic fishing license for out-of-state anglers from \$30 to \$15 and decrease four major license fees for nonresident hunters, to include:

- The basic hunting license from \$200 to \$150;
- Big-game hunting license from \$225 to \$150;
- and, archery and muzzleloader licenses for deer hunters from \$50 each to \$26 each.

Gattle's proposal did not change the new \$40 3-day nonresident saltwater fishing license, nor the \$100 5-day nonresident hunting license fees.

The proposed changes are to a bill passed by the State Legislature in June's special session that raised resident and non-resident hunting and fishing licenses fees.

The LWFC posted two Notices of Intent to make the move, and will accept public comment on the proposals through the end of the year. Final ratification is scheduled during the commission's Jan. 4, 2001 meeting.

Gattle said the first decrease was prompted by pleas from Louisiana anglers, who complained that non-resident fishing fees were too high to bring family and friends in for a weekend trip; from Louisiana tackle and sportsman's shops owners in border areas, who complained the higher fees were driving away business; and, from Mississippi anglers, who objected to fees are near double what they were at the beginning of this year's fishing season.

Impetus for the changes in the hunting-licenses decreases came from both states, too.



Following the passage of the bill and its signing into law, the Mississippi Parks, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission took steps to raise fees for Louisiana outdoorsmen hunting in Mississippi to match what Louisiana's charge for Mississippians to hunt in Louisiana.

The MPWFC took that step in late August, but indicated it would modify its stance when, and if, the LWFC showed it was going to reduce Louisiana's nonresident fees.

Mississippi's current hunting-license package costs Louisiana hunter \$261 compared to the MPWFC's retaliatory move in August to shove the cost to \$525.

The LWFC's proposed reductions will take the license package down to \$352.

Records from the two states show that as many as 22,000 Mississippi anglers fish in Louisiana waters, while 14,000 Louisianians hunt in Mississippi.

"I think this is good compromise for all concerned," Gattle said. "All along, the problem was how to best balance the need for revenue to the (Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries) department and to make a significant-enough drop in the fees for the sportsmen. The reductions, though, could still leave the department with as much as a \$1 million shortfall in its budget."

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, September 7, 2000  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Tom Kelly	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Warren Delacroix	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Jerry Stone	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 4 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

~~Secretary Jenkins~~ is also present.

*Asst. Secretary Bowman*

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BATON ROUGE, LA

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Rep. Powell fax 386-0653 - fax #'s 34+5

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Tuesday, September 5, 2000

Dear Mr. Gattle  
Chairman Wildlife & Fisheries Department

I support the hunting fee reduction for out-of state hunters. I am an out-of-state hunter, as are thousands of Louisianians. Not many Mississippi people hunt in the Bayou State, but over 20,000 Louisianians hunt in Mississippi. Hunting is getting costlier and our future generations may not get to enjoy this sport. I know if the Louisiana Legislature doesn't reduce this increase, and Mississippi matches our price for a license, then a severe hardship will fall on our out-of-state hunters. It will cause a lot of the give up the sport of hunting. If the LDWF needs extra monies, consider building four wheeler trails on 5,000 acres of Sherburne Wildlife Management Area, and other Wildlife Management Areas. Charge a fee to ride, then 1 month before hunting season begins close area to riding and bring in bulldozers to clean up trails and after hunting season reopen area to riders. This would generate lots of money. One land owner in Acension Parish built trails on his hunting lease and held a four wheeler ride. Over 600 bikes took part in this ride at a cost of \$25 a bike. People are craving for an area closer to the big city to ride bikes and this would raise a lot of money for LDWF. Also, if people would have more access to ride, then bike sales, repair, and camping gear sales would increase. This is just one way to raise money for LDWF. I'm sure there are many more ways. I seem to remember when Gov. Edwards moved a surplus of LDWF monies to the general fund a few years ago. So, I would like to think that over 20,000 of out-of-state hunters from Louisiana could count on your support. A lot of these hunters come from the Baton Rouge, Livingston area.

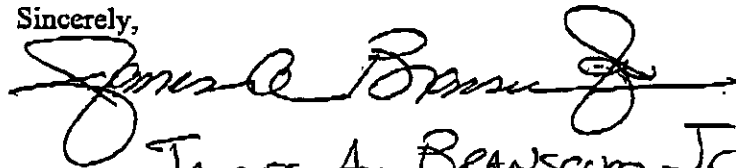
Sincerely,  
CHIP ROE  
10424 Dyer Road  
Baker, LA 70714

To: Mr. Tom Gattle  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Dear Sir,

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Sincerely,



JAMES A. BRAWSCUM, JR.

14415 Richardson Dr.

Greenwell Springs, LA.

70739-3433

To: Mr. Tom Gattle  
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Roderick Coffee  
*Roderick C. Coffee*  
804 Circle Dr.  
Baker, La. 70714

**C O V E R**

**S H E E T**



**FAX**

**To:** Tom Gattle

**Fax #:** 318-559-1524

**Subject:**

**Date:** September 6, 2000

**Pages:** 7, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

From the desk of...

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Date & Time: 09/05/2000 11:21:02 AM  
Pages: 2  
Re: Hunting License

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Mr. Bowman,

Please get a copy of this fax to Thomas Gattle before Thursday's meeting.

Thank you,  
Chip Roe

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## RESOLUTION

THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN ITS REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2000, DID PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Toledo Bend Reservoir is the largest reservoir in the South and the 5th largest reservoir in North America covering 186,000 acres along the Louisiana and Texas borders; and

WHEREAS, Toledo Bend was recently ranked as the third most popular destination for attracting tourist in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of tourism in Sabine and DeSoto Parishes was \$25.52 million in 1999; and

WHEREAS, on Toledo Bend Reservoir, fishing is a principal recreation activity for tourists; and

WHEREAS, 724 non-resident "season" licenses and 1,862 non-resident "trip" licenses were sold in Sabine Parish in 1999; and

WHEREAS, non-resident tourist visiting Toledo Bend have the option to purchase their licenses, lodging, etc., in Louisiana or Texas; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana and Texas have historically adopted similar fee schedules for non-resident anglers; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature, in the 2nd Extraordinary Session 2000, increased the non-resident "season" license from \$31 to \$60 and the non-resident "trip" license from \$20 to \$30; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to establish non-resident hunting and fishing license fees;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sabine River Authority, Board of Commissioners, State of Louisiana to encourage the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adjust non-resident fishing license fees on Toledo Bend Reservoir consistent with similar fees in Texas.

A motion was made by Mr. Geoghagan seconded by Mr. Freeman.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 12    NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1

THEREFORE, the above resolution is hereby adopted by the Board of Commissioners, Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana, this 24th day of August, 2000, to become a part of the official public records of the Sabine River Authority.

  
AUBREY TEMPLE, CHAIRMAN

  
DANIEL CUPIT, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
ROBERT D. GEOGHAGAN SECRETARY

C O V E R

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FAX

**To:** Representative Powell

**Fax #:** 504-386-0653

**Subject:**

**Date:** September 7, 2000

**Pages:** 5, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

The attached are copies of the Notices of Intent passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as per your request. Thank you.

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FAX

**To:** Ben Bradford

**Fax #:** 342-0617

**Subject:**

**Date:** September 7, 2000

**Pages:** 5, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

Jeff Mayne with this Department asked that I fax the attached Notices of Intent to you.

From the desk of...

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FAX

**To:** Joe Jewell

**Fax #:** 228-374-5220

**Subject:**

**Date:** September 7, 2000

**Pages:** 5, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

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### Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

### Chapter 4. License and License Fees

### §407. Three-day Basic and Saltwater Nonresident Recreational Fishing License Fees

A. In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license, a nonresident may purchase a three-day basic recreational sport fishing license for a fee of \$15 which shall be valid for three consecutive days.

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D. Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:710 (April 1998), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is

authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Janis Landry, License Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

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The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to set a \$15 fee on a Louisiana nonresident three-day trip basic recreational sport fishing license, by/ amending LAC 76:VII.407Aas follows: *repealing AK76 --- 407D and*

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 4. License and License Fees

#### §407. Three-day Basic and Saltwater Nonresident Recreational Fishing License Fees

A. In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license, a nonresident may purchase a three-day basic recreational sport fishing license for a fee of \$15 which shall be valid for three consecutive days, including the day of issue.

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D. ~~Subsection D is hereby~~ Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:710 (April 1998), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is

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The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to set a \$15 fee on a Louisiana nonresident three-day trip basic recreational sport fishing license, *by amending section 407 to read as follows:* Title 76

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*Section D. is hereby repealed.*

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:710 (April 1998), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Janis Landry, License Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman



NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

The ~~Louisiana~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to set a \$15.00 fee on a Louisiana non-resident, 3-day trip, basic recreational sport fishing license.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

4. ~~License and License Fees~~

Chapter 1. ~~Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing~~

~~§ 2 Louisiana non-resident, 3-day basic recreational sport fishing~~  
§407. license ~~fees~~ <sup>+ Saltwater Nonresident</sup>.

In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license a non-resident may purchase a three-day basic recreational sport fishing license for a fee of fifteen dollars which shall be valid for three consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with

R.S. 56:6 (28)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR <sup>24:710 (April 1998);</sup> ~~24:710 (April 1998);~~ <sup>amended</sup> LR: .

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Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to: Janis Landry, License Manager, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Thomas M. Gattle Jr.  
Chairman

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to repeal LAC 76:V.101 relative to bow hunting licenses and to amend nonresident hunting fees as follows.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

#### Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

##### §101. Bow Hunting License

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:105.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 4:405 (October 1978), repealed LR .

#### Chapter 5. Licenses and License Fees

##### §501. Nonresident Hunting License Fees

The basic hunting license fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars for the entire season or one hundred dollars for five consecutive days. The nonresident big game license fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars for the entire season or seventy-five dollars for five consecutive days. A fee of twenty-six dollars shall be charged a nonresident for the issuance of a special

muzzleloader license; and a fee of twenty-six dollars shall be charged a nonresident for a special bow license.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its  
intent to amend nonresident hunting fees as follows.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part ~~V~~ *Will Quodruped + Will Birds*

Chapter *V. Licenses + License Fees*  
*§ 501 NR Hunting Licenses*

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and  
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<u>James M. M. M. M.</u>	<u>1651 Chipmunk Barton Road</u>
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<u>Randy Sulli</u>	<u>30094 Huff Chapel Rd Springfield</u>
<u>Brad Musacchio</u>	<u>Duckhorn La.</u>
<u>W. J. Burrows</u>	<u>321 S. 8th St. Ponchatoula LA</u>
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Cliff Biggs	Linden AL
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Randy Starkey	" "	" "
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RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, September 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been a popular and successful deer management program for landowners and hunting clubs since its' initiation during the 1981-82 hunting season, and

WHEREAS, rules governing DMAP were established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1991, and

WHEREAS, these rules were amended by the Commission in 1999 with the exception of the DMAP posting requirements, and

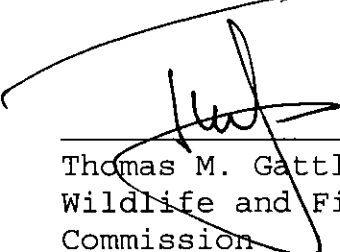
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WHEREAS, hunting clubs and landowners have expressed the opinion that this is an expensive requirement for them, and

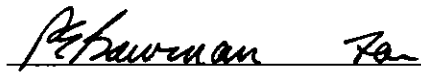
WHEREAS, the DMAP posting requirement is in a separate section of Title 76 from the regular DMAP rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes are necessary concerning the existing rules and regulations of DMAP posting and that these rules and regulations should be contained within Section 111 of Title 76, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Rule to amend the rules and regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend rules and regulations governing participation in the deer management assistance program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§109. Regulations for Signs and Sign Placement for DMAP  
Cooperators

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:111.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:78 (January 1991), repealed LR .

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer  
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1. Application Procedure

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## RESOLUTION

### LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, September 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is designed for landowners hunting clubs with 500 acres or more of land, and

WHEREAS, one of the major complaints from the public concerning DMAP is that small landowners are not able to participate, and

WHEREAS, individuals who possess an Alternative Livestock Program Permit and who have less than 500 acres are not eligible for antlerless deer tags, and

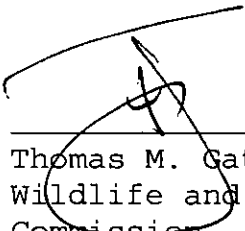
WHEREAS, farmers who have severe deer depredation problems and do not have more than 500 acres of land cannot participate in DMAP and reduce their deer depredation problems through legal deer hunting by receiving antlerless deer tags, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries presently has personnel who work with the Forest Stewardship Program, Alternative Livestock Program, and investigate deer depredation problems, and



WHEREAS, this work involves habitat surveys and the creation of wildlife management plans for these three groups of landowners, and

WHEREAS, allowing these landowners the ability to harvest antlerless deer at any time during the regular deer season will help keep deer populations in balance with available habitat, will assist in reducing deer depredation complaints, and provide additional deer hunting opportunities for these landowners and their guests on small tracts of land in Louisiana, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Rule to establish the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
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Fisheries

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule on participating in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program.

## Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

#### Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

#### §119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

c. Landowners with less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

## 2. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Deer Program personnel or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1.

c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

## 3. Tags

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program

personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. In order to harvest an antlerless deer, each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

#### 4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by the Deer Program personnel. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Deer Program or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Hunting

license # or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

September 7, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 7, 2000.

**WHEREAS,** public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington D. C., and

**WHEREAS,** the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

**WHEREAS,** rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and



**WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for ducks, geese and coots by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that these dates have been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for ducks, geese and coots.



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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr. Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

September 7, 2000

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopt the following Emergency Rule.

The hunting seasons for Ducks, Coots and Geese during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

**SEASON DATES FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE**

**DUCKS AND COOTS:**

**West Zone: (60 days)** Nov. 11(Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (23 days)  
Dec. 16 (Sat.)- Jan. 21 (Sun.) (37 days)  
**East Zone: (60 days)** Nov. 18 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.) - Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)  
**Catahoula Lake Zone:**  
**(60 days)** Nov. 18 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)  
Dec. 9 (Sat.)- Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)

**Youth Waterfowl Days- Statewide, Jan. 27-28**

**Daily Bag Limits**

The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

**Mergansers** - The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

**Possession Limit** - The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.



**GEESE:****LIGHT GEESE ( SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS') AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE****West Zone:**

Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Dec. 10 (Sun.) 30 days

Dec. 16 (Sat.)- Feb. 9 (Fri.) 56 days

**East Zone:**

Oct. 28 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) 37 days

Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 26 (Fri.) 49 days

Daily bag limit for light geese: 20

Possession limit for light geese: None

Daily bag limit for white-fronted geese: 2

Possession limit for white-fronted geese: 4

**CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE**

West Zone - Dec. 11 (Mon.) - Dec. 15 (Fri.) 5 days

Feb. 10 (Sat.) - March 11 (Sun.) 30 days

East Zone - Dec. 4 (Mon.) - Dec. 8 (Fri.) 5 days

Jan. 29 (Mon.)- March 11 (Sun.) 42 days

Only snow, blue and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend until one-half hour after sunset.

**CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW**

Jan. 16 (Tues)-Jan. 24 (Wed) 9 days

**During the Canada Goose Season the daily bag limit for Canada geese shall be one.**

Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. The closed area is described as follows:

Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intra coastal Canal to its juncture with La. Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any District Office. Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 2001 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the **Canada Goose Season** the following year.

**RAILS:**

**Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.)** **54 days**

**KING AND CLAPPER:** Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.

**SORA AND VIRGINIA:** Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

**GALLINULES:**

**Nov. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 3 (Wed.)** **54 days**

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

**SNIPE:**

**Nov. 4 (Sat.) - Dec. 3 (Sun.)** **30 days**

**Dec. 14 (Thurs.)-Feb. 28 (Wed.)** **77 days**

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

**Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours end at 2 p.m.**

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective October 28, 2000 and extend through sunset on March 11, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

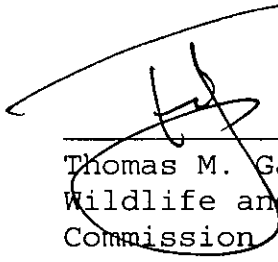
## RESOLUTION

### 2000-2001 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission


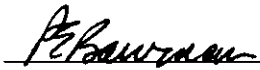
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically lead the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and
- WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and
- WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and
- WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000-2001 fur harvest season statewide from November 20, 2000 through March 31, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000-2001 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.



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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000-2001 fur harvest season statewide from November 20, 2000 through March 31, 2001. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

## **1999-2000 TRAPPING SEASON SUMMARY and 2000-2001 RECOMMENDED DATES**

### **Results of the 1999-2000 Trapping Season**

Records available from the License Section indicate a total of 992 trapping licenses (960-15 years and older and 32-14 years and younger) were sold during the 1999-2000 trapping season. These figures show a drop of 552 in trapping licenses sold last season when compared to the previous season. This drop in licenses is directly related to the continued low prices paid for major furs (nutria and raccoon).

Attached is a copy of the 1999-2000 Comparative Take. The total of 39,971 pelts harvested (all species) was down 100,788 pelts from the previous season's total of 140,759. The total value of the 1999-2000 fur harvest to the state's trappers was estimated at \$207,364. This was down \$244,969 from the previous season. The harvest during the past two seasons are by far the lowest since records have been maintained (early 1920's). **Declines in the number of trappers, harvest level and fur prices are directly related to a continuing very soft market for most wild furs, not only in Louisiana, but throughout the world.**

### **Nutria Harvest**

The nutria harvest (20,110) decreased by 94,536 from the previous season total of 114,646 pelts. The average nutria pelt price paid to trappers during this past season was \$2.10, a drop of \$.59 from the previous year (\$2.69). The total value of the nutria harvest dropped from \$309,331 to \$42,334. The eastern nutria harvest (15,265), with a price of \$2.00, was down 80,628 from the previous season but still made up 76% of the 1999-2000 harvest. The western nutria harvest (4,845) with a price of \$2.30 was down 13,908 pelts from the previous season.

**After two years of increasing prices and nutria harvest, last year's low price was the second in a row and very disappointing.** The decreased income to coastal trappers is detrimental to maintaining numbers of trappers, which are essential in reducing vegetative damage to coastal wetlands. The nutria harvest might have been somewhat greater if weather conditions would have been more conducive to trapping. Winter temperatures were above normal during much of the season.

### **Nutria Damage**

Division staff conducted a coastwide nutria vegetation damage survey this past spring. Data from the survey is still being compiled and analyzed, however the amount of vegetative damage appeared to still be very high. In 1988 the estimated number of acres damaged in the Barataria-Terrebonne Basin was 80,000. The 1999 survey showed 100,000 acres estimated for this region. The 2000 survey has not yet been compiled. An increase in the nutria harvest is the only practical way to help reduce damage, but any recovery of damaged marsh will require time for vegetative regrowth.

The extended drought may concentrate nutria in some areas making them more vulnerable to predation by alligators. This concentration of nutria may also result in lower reproduction.

### **Fur Marketing**

During this past year the Fur and Refuge Division staff continued to work closely with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council (FAAC) on marketing programs for fur and alligators. Last year's efforts for fur concentrated on developing new contacts in Mainland China to replace the Russian market decline. Fur dealers from China visited the state and indicated an interest in La. fur but with uncertain consumer markets in China, a reasonable offer was never made to La. dealers.

This year the FAAC is concentrating on marketing programs built around the development of new products. La. nutria and raccoon pelts have been changed through processing to create a finished skin and garment completely different in appearance. The Council has contracted with a Montreal consultant to work with designers and manufacturers to demonstrate how to use these new furs in today's fashionable garments. Obviously the objective is increased demand resulting in higher prices to trappers and a larger harvest of nutria and other furs. **The task of finding new markets for the state's furs is difficult but the alternative is coastal vegetative damage from nutria and timber and other property damage from beaver, not to mention the loss of supplemental income to trappers.**

### **Raccoon Harvest**

In recent years the raccoon harvest has been the second most important in terms of value, but for this past season has declined again from the previous year.. The harvest of raccoon dropped from 15,441 to 8,413 pelts as a result of a drop in price paid to trappers from \$2.46 to \$1.39. The total value of this harvest dropped from \$38,039 to \$11,694. The main buyers of raccoon during recent years have been the Greeks, manufacturing and selling to Russia.. However, with the decline of the Russian economy a large quantity of raccoon fur is in storage across the U.S. with very little demand.

### **River Otter Harvest**

This past season the most important fur in terms of price to the trapper was river otter. Harvest increased to 2,872 from 2,483 the previous year. Price increased from \$27.20 to \$37.30 for a total value of \$107,126. Some trappers across the state have switched to otter trapping because of these prices. This is the one wild fur with strong demand from China. The harvest could be much higher if more trappers were in the field.

### **Beaver Harvest**

Beaver harvest this past season was 5,509 with an average price of \$4.95 paid to trappers. Harvest was up 595 from the previous year. Harvest of beaver is very beneficial in the control of damage throughout the state.

### **Other Furbearers**

Harvest of muskrat dropped from the previous year's harvest of 607 to only 275. Muskrat were harvested in the northeast corner of the state. Muskrat populations are down across most of the coast and are being held down by a continuation of the drought. This is beneficial for coastal vegetation since prices are low (\$1.00), and very few good muskrat trappers are left. Other furbearers are listed on the 1999-2000 Comparative Fur Take.

### **Recommendations for the 2000-2001 Trapping season**

Last year's season dates (statewide) were November 20, 1999 to March 31, 2000. These dates were discussed on August 2nd with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council and they recommended that the season dates remain the same. These dates allow trappers to start when species became prime and fur buyers to start buying when they believe furs are prime. Trappers can continue to trap if they believe prime furbearers are abundant and they can sell fur at a reasonable price. **Our objective is to allow the maximum possible trapping opportunity to increase harvest, especially of nutria, beaver, and raccoon.**

**The 2000-2001 Trapping Season dates recommended for this year are: November 20, 2000 - March 31, 2001; Statewide.** Bobcat and river otter tagging requirements will remain unchanged. Federal approval to export bobcat and river otter from the United States requires that the Department insure that only Louisiana bobcat and river otter are tagged with Louisiana CITES export tags. This requires that all bobcat and river otter pelts be accompanied by completed State Possession Tags once purchased from a trapper and that these tags be kept with the pelts until they are submitted to the Department in exchange for CITES export tags. The recommended trapping season dates on WMA's will be listed in the 2000-2001 Trapping Season Pamphlet.



**COMPARATIVE TAKE OF FUR ANIMALS  
IN LOUISIANA  
1999-00**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PELTS</u>	<u>APPROX. PRICE TO TRAPPER</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
NUTRIA(Eastern)	15,265	\$ 2.00	\$ 30,530.00
NUTRIA(Western)	<u>4,845</u>	<u>\$ 2.30</u>	<u>\$ 11,804.00</u>
	20,110	\$ 2.10	\$ 42,334.00
MUSKRAT	275	\$ 1.00	\$ 275.00
RACCOON(Upland)	8,413	\$ 1.40	\$ 11,778.00
RACCOON(Coastal)	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
	8,413	\$ 1.40	\$ 11,778.00
MINK	2,182	\$ 6.95	\$ 15,165.00
OPOSSUM	76	\$ 0.50	\$ 38.00
RIVER OTTER	2,872	\$37.30	\$107,126.00
RED FOX	19	\$ 7.15	\$ 136.00
GRAY FOX	138	\$ 5.60	\$ 773.00
BOBCAT	355	\$ 6.80	\$ 2,414.00
BEAVER	5,509	\$ 4.95	\$ 27,270.00
COYOTE	22	<u>\$ 2.50</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
 TOTAL PELTS	 39,971	 TOTAL VALUE	 \$207,364.00

August 30, 2000  
LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries  
2415 Darnall Road  
New Iberia, LA 70560

**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**AUGUST, 2000**

**185-Amph. - 61092**  
**Hrs. - 56.0**

**185-Float - 9667Q**  
**Hrs. - 43.8**

**210 - 9467Y**  
**Hrs. - 32.3**

**Enforcement Hours - 114.7**

**Other Divisions - 17.4**

**Total Plane Use - 132.1**

**Cases Made In Conjunction With Aircraft Use Resulted In Citations Issued For:**

**3-Trawl Closed Season**

**5-Skimming Closed Season**

**8-Total**

**Confiscations: 2,500 Lbs. Of Shrimp, 6 Trawls**

# **Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

**James H. Jenkins Jr.**  
**Secretary**



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**9/1/00**

## **LDWF OYSTER STRIKE FORCE KEY PLAYER IN FEDERAL CASE**

A Louisiana wholesale seafood company was convicted of conspiring to sell and buy illegally obtained oysters as the result of an investigation initiated by the Wildlife and Fisheries Oyster Strike Force. Charges against the seafood company ranged from obstruction of justice to Lacey Act violations regarding out-of-state transport of oysters.

Wildlife Enforcement Lt. Roy Chauvin and Senior Agent Stephen McManus of LDWF's Oyster Strike Force initiated the investigation that spanned a four year period. Lt. Roy Chauvin was the lead investigating officer on the case that led to the arrest and conviction of Roosevelt Fountain, Sr. and his daughter Shirley Fountain Ellison of Fountain Seafood of Cameron in a 16-count felony indictment including conspiracy, obstruction of justice, violation of record keeping provisions of the Lacey Act and illegal out-of-state transportation of oysters.

The Lacey Act makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly transport, sell, receive, acquire and purchase any fish with a market value in excess of \$350 in interstate commerce that was taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any state. The penalty for violating the federal Lacey Act carries a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to five years imprisonment on each count. Additional penalties include forfeitures of items involved and

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restitution of the value of the illegal fish.

Fountain Seafood and its owners were charged with purchasing oysters from areas prohibited or closed to harvesting, from commercial fishermen in violation of the daily limit set by state law and from unlicensed commercial fishermen, in addition to the creation of false records and tags, and refusing to produce such records when asked by state wildlife agents. The oysters were shipped out of state to buyers in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia.

The investigation by Chauvin and McManus produced evidence that valued the oysters at more than \$470,000 just over a four month period, ultimately reaching a value of hundreds of thousands of dollars through the duration of the four year period. Col. Winton Vidrine of LDWF's Enforcement Division said, "I am very pleased with the outcome of this case. Lt. Chauvin has done an outstanding job in this long and difficult investigation."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Mickel, Criminal Division. Sentencing for Fountain and Ellison has been scheduled for Dec. 19.

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**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**  
**AUGUST 2000**

REGION 1:

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,  
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,  
WEBSTER

18 Agent positions

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale /Retail Dealers License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt From Moving Vehicle</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Live Alligators W/O A Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regs On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>19</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 live 3 ½' Alligator, 2 Black Bass.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 2:**  
**20 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,  
 LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,  
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND  
 UNION, W. CARROL**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations on WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession of Alcohol by Person Under 21</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>DWI (Watercraft)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Possess Firearm While Frogging</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Raccoon Illegally</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Raccoon</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No License Plate</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession of Drug Paraphernalia</b>



**WRITTEN WARNINGS**

<b>TOTAL 15</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angle W/O License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations on WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Personal Watercraft At Night</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2 – Bags Marijuana, 1- Drug Paraphernalia, 4- Raccoons, 4- Frogs.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Public Assistance- Assist Stranded Motorists and Boaters</b>

**REGION 3:**  
**28 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,  
 NATICHITOCES, RAPIDES  
 SABINE, VERNON, WINN**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Angling W/O License In Possession</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Black Bass</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Alligator Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations (State Lacy)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Or Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Live Quadruped W/O Permit (Squirrel)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>D.W.I (1<sup>st</sup> Offense)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate A.T.V. On Public Road</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresent Booking Information</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours With Artificial Light</b>

2	Hunt From Public Road
2	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
3	Take Deer Illegal Hours
3	Illegal Possession Of Alligators
2	Hunting From Moving Vehicle

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 32</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
18	Boating
1	Take Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)
13	Angling W/O License In Possession

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
5 beer cans, 291 black bass, 1 rabbit, 1 - 2 ½ foot alligator, 1 large alligator head, 13 gallon bags for frozen alligator meat, 1 large bag of alligator meat, 2 guns, 1 hand held spot light, 1 deer hind quarter, 13 photos.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 4:**  
**24 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,  
 CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN  
 LASALLE, MADISON,  
 TENSAS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Boating safety citations</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angling w/o a resident license</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling w/o a non-resident license</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fishing w/o pole license</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail to have commercial license in possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or sell commercial fish w/o commercial license</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take commercial fish w/o commercial gear license</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use illegal mesh nets</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take undersize commercial finfish</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sell and/or purchase gamefish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Buying or selling deer or meat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess live wild quadrupeds w/o permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate vehicle while intoxicated</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Conspiracy (state) to buy or sell gamefish</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling w/o resident license</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure to comply with pfd requirements</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>151 lbs. catfish, 21 catfish, 100 yds. 2 ½" gill net, 100 yds. 3 ½" gill net.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 5**  
**33 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, ALLEN**  
**CAMERON, EVANGELINE**  
**JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION**  
**CALCASIEU, ACADIA**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>DWI</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non. Res.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss/Take Undersize Red Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Comm. Rules (Rec.) U/S Red Snapper</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Or Sell Comm. Fish W/O Comm. Lic.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Or Sell Comm. Fish W/O Gear Lic.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell And Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood Lic.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Maintain Records</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Comply W/Spotted Trout Take</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Trawling Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Butterflying Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Alligator Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>



<b>3</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 18</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Gear W/O Recreation Gear Lic.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Display Valid Decal</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Comply W/PFD Req.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>No Fire Extinguisher</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 beer can; 13 reels; 1 kwik stix; 14 rods; 13 spotted trout; 2 butterfly nets; 332 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$688.75; 1 shrimp trawl; ½ lb. shrimp returned to water; 1-40" alligator released; 2 red snappers.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Boating , Includes 1 DWI</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 6:**  
**24 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,  
 PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE  
 ST.MARTIN,IBERIA  
 IBERVILLE,W.B.R.**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>57</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Alligators Closed Season</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Possess Overlimit Black Drum</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Failure To Tag Sacked Or Container Oysters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Possess Overlimit Spotted Seatrout</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>False Swearing</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Red Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Removing Contents From Crab Traps</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Set Traps in Navigable Channels</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Use Skimmers In Closed Season</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations Of Commission</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 14</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>17 sacks of oysters, 50 undersize black drum, 20 lbs. Alligator meat, 95 sacks oysters, 35 spotted seatrout, 1 boat, 6 red drum, 8 black bass, 3 redfish, 8 rod and reels, 2 fishing licenses, 1 saltwater license, 3 dozen crabs, 9 crab traps, 4 skimmer nets, 5486 lbs. Shrimp, checks totaling \$9996.20, 1 vessel license, 2 ice chests of shrimp.</b>	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>92</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 7:****22 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,  
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,  
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,  
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,  
W. FELICIANA**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Recreational Gear W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Recreational Gear W/O Non-Resident Gear License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required Markings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Licenses Non-Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Maintain Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Report Commercial Fisheries Data</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regs.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Possession Of Crabs In Berry Stage</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Wake Zone Violation (Parish Ordinance)</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Within 100 feet From Scenic River W/O Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Damming Of Scenic River</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Public Intimidation</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Possession Of Undersize Crabs</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Possession Of Undersize Crabs Over 20%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Sell Game Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Alligator Parts</b>
<b>1 Littering</b>	

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 22</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>8 berry crabs, 26 boxes undersize crabs, and 5 alligator skins.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>58</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>



**REGION 8**  
**18 Agent positions**

**PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,**  
**ORLEANS, JEFFERSON**  
**ST. CHARLES**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>117</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Game Fish Illegally</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Poss. O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27" (Recreational)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commission Rules &amp; Reg. Shark Violation</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take/Poss. O/L spotted Seatrout</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take or Poss. O/L Black Drum(Recreational)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail to Comply with Charter Boat Regulations</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>

2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
2	Fail to keep Net Onboard(Traversing)
2	Take Salt Water commercial Fish With Net Closed Season
4	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Removing Contents from Legal Crab Traps
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman use CML Gear License
2	Fail to Mark Soft-shell Crab Container
2	Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours
1	Permit Unlicensed Person to Operate Commercial Vessel
2	Permit Unlicensed Person to Use Commercial Gear
15	Trawling in Closed Season (Inside Waters)
14	Use Skimmers in Closed Season
2	Use Oversize Skimmers
1	Illegal Poss. of Alligator
3	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
1	Resisting An Officer
2	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

<b>6</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Poss. Red Drum Illegally</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 115</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Commission Rules</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<p>Returned to Water.....Aquatic Sealife (20 lbs.).... (Mixed Seafood (10 lbs./ 11/2 lbs.)...Spotted Seatrout (6).... Live Hard Crabs (3 dozen)...Oyster Sacks (266).... Croaker (12)...Buster Crabs (85)...Crabs (3 boxes /150 lbs.)</p> <p>Destroyed...Red Drum(1)...Flounder(1)...Alligator Tail(1)</p> <p>Sold at Bid.... 1450 lbs. of Black Drum sold @ \$942.50...146 lbs. of Shrimp sold @ \$350.40...500 lbs. of Shrimp sold @ \$1200.00.... 559 lbs. of Shrimp sold @ \$1341.60...1300 lbs. of Shrimp sold @ \$3,120.... 294 lbs. of Shrimp sold @ \$886.50.</p> <p>Donated...Spotted Seatrout (124).... Black Drum (11)...Red Drum(93)...Flounder(1)...Sheepshead(1)...Shrimp(80 lbs.)...Cobia(1)...Crabs(2 boxes)...Sailcatfish(1)...Blacktip Shark(1)...Crappie(1)...Striped Bass(2)...Alligator Head(1)</p> <p>Hardware Confiscated...Ice Chest (5)...Rod and Reel (28)...Trawls (6)...Dredge License (2)...Comm. Vessel Lic. (1)...Crate (2)...Crab Traps...Cast Net (1)...Clear Wrapper containing 6 white rock like substance (1).</p>	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>59</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>190</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>115</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 9:**

25 Agent positions

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES  
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY  
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE  
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE  
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Rec.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>CML Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Trawl)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Butterfly)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Cans)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Buy And Sell Fish W/O Retail Dealer's License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Butterflying In Closed Season</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Use Skimmers In Closed Season</b>

2	Violate Shrimp Provisions
3	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
3	Hunting Doves Closed Season
2	Operating Boat While Intoxicated
1	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 20</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
3	Angling W/O A License
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Rec.)
1	Take O/L Spotted Sea Trout (On Water)
9	Boating

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
9722 lbs. shrimp sold for \$16,500.65, 116 lbs. shrimp, 359 lbs. sea bob sold for \$71.80, 32 skimmer nets, 4 butterfly nets, 6 commercial licenses, 19 sea trout, 47 catfish, 10 sales receipts, 3 shotguns, 1 rod and reel, 5 boats (paper seizure), 1 boat (physical seizure).

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE****COASTAL WATERS****3 Agent positions**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport Oysters W/O Proper License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Skimming During The Closed Shrimp Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Shrimp W/O Commercial Fisherman's License</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angling W/O Basic License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident Basic Fishing License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Undersize Black Drum</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 rod and reel, 3 black drum, 300 lbs. of shrimp and 2 skimmer nets.</b>



**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE**  
**18 Agent positions**

**STATEWIDE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Basic License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License (Resident Or Non)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Crabs In Berry Stage</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs (10% To 19%)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersized Crabs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channels Or Entrance To Streams</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Use Skimmers In Closed Season</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling Without A Basic License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>10 skimmer net, 6 boxes of crabs (returned to water) 10 skimmer nets, 1600 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3500.00.</b>	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT****STATEWIDE****7 Agent positions**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Buy &amp; Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sell &amp; Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Fish From Unlicensed Dealer</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Possess Crabs In Berry Stage</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Crabs 10-19%</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Florida Extradition Warrants</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>2400 lbs. of undersize crabs and 10 berry crabs.</b>	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**S.W.E.P.**  
**8 Agent positions**

**COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Gear</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2-25 foot trawls, 4 skimmer nets, 4 rod and reels, 4 spotted sea trout and 519 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$1088.50.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REFUGE PATROL****ROCKEFELLER REFUGE  
STATE WILDLIFE  
MARSH ISLAND**

7 Agent positions

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>56</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident Basic License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Ergs.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum Excess of 27"</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Have Fish Intact</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Illegal Mesh (Gill Nets)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Saltwater Net Illegally</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Fish License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channels</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Butterflying In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Shrimp At Night In Prohibited Area</b>



<b>14</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA</b>
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**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 9</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules and Regs. On WMA</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3 rod and reels, 2 gill nets, 4 butterfly nets, 16 crab traps, 1 trawl, 1-15 foot Monarch aluminum boat, 1-25 h.p. Johnson outboard motor, 1 boat trailer, 3 red drum, 3 black drum, 8 lbs. of fish filets, 28 dozen blue crabs, 4,129 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$7,648.80.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**TOTAL CASES**

**-1237**

**NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =258**

# STATE OF LOUISIANA

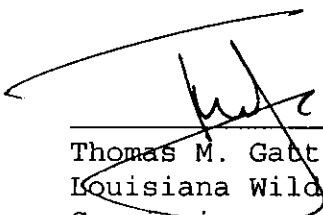


## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and
- WHEREAS,** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and
- WHEREAS,** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 40 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and
- WHEREAS,** latest figures indicate that the total economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is almost \$3 billion and that Louisianians directly spend \$1.4 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana residents have spent \$43.1 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and
- WHEREAS,** the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.1 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$308 million, with more than 30,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood;
- THEREFORE** I, Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 7th day of September 2000, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 23, 2000 as the

### 16th ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

  
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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

2001		January				2001	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

## Opening Weekend of Dove Season 2000 Summary Report

Dove season opened Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, with intense heat across Louisiana. High temperatures ranged from 101° in the Baton Rouge area to 108° in northeast Louisiana. Hunting success was generally described as "fair" by regional personnel. The heat seemed to affect participation. People either did not hunt at all, or they tended to hunt with less intensity. The birds appeared to respond in a similar manner, moving less and later in the day. By the time doves began to move and feed, many hunters had given up.

This was the seventh year the Department leased fields for public hunting. The fields were available for opening day only. Four fields were leased comprising 1,025 acres. Fields were located in Jefferson Davis Parish (2), Avoyelles Parish, and St. Landry Parish. The number of hunters allowed in each field was limited and the fields were closed when the maximum was reached. Hunters over 15 years old were required to pay a \$10.00 fee to hunt. During the course of the day 649 hunters participated. They bagged at least 1,513 doves for an average of 2.33 doves per person.

There were some very good hunts on the Wildlife Management Areas. Big Colewa and Buckhorn stand out, having average opening day bags of 8.0 and 12.9 doves per person, respectively.

WMA or Lease	Hunters	Harvest	Harvest per Person
Buckhorn WMA	8	103	12.9
Big Colewa WMA (Saturday)	142	1135	8.0
Big Colewa WMA (Sunday)	56	242	4.3
Bayou Pierre WMA	42	70	1.7
Sandy Hollow WMA	114	399	3.5
Hessmer Lease (255 acres)	158	750	4.8
St. Landry Lease (90 acres)	102	54	0.5
Roanoke Lease (326 acres)	237 total 128 bag checked	664	5.2
Welsh Lease (353 acres)	152	45	0.3

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

SEPT-00	RULE - Participation in Deer Management Assistance Program
	RULE - Participation in Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program
OCT-00	RULE - Rules for Harvest of Mullet
	RULE - Spotted Seatrout Management Measures
	RULE - Pompano Permits
	RULE - Traversing Permit
	RULE - Black Drum
NOV-00	RULE - 2001 Turkey Season
	RULE - Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel & Cobia
DEC-00	RULE - Spanish Mackerel Possession Limit
	RULE - Tuna - Harvest Regulations
	RULE - Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations
????	RULE - Additional Public Oyster Seed Grounds

## MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%



## FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98

July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00

Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
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## FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83

Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
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## FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12

Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
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## FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92
Sept., 2000						
Oct., 2000						
Nov., 2000						
Dec., 2000						
Jan., 2001						
Feb., 2001						
Mar., 2001						
Apr., 2001						
May, 2001						
June, 2001						

Total FY 2001	22	\$16,702.61	\$0.00	31	\$5,250.30	\$1,217.93	39%	141%
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
CURRENT MONTH  
08/01/2000 TO 08/31/2000PAGE: 1  
DATE: 09/05/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	20	\$15,637.60
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	6	\$200.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	20	\$15,837.60
PAYMENTS	11	\$2,422.73-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$799.54-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$5.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$75.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	5	\$1,063.92-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	4	\$1,015.38-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$524.54-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	8	\$7,802.32-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
07/01/2000 TO 08/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	22	\$16,277.61
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	15	\$425.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	22	\$16,702.61
PAYMENTS	19	\$3,628.26-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	11	\$1,467.04-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$5.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	6	\$150.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	7	\$1,217.93-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	4	\$1,015.38-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$524.54-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	9	\$27,199.88-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

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FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$4,752.30
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 INCEPTION TO DATE  
 08/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,015	\$2,719,475.93
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	217	\$5,775.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,015	\$2,527,336.69
PAYMENTS	2,692	\$494,748.57-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$1,276.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	44	\$9,628.12-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	7	\$1,705.03-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	87	\$2,250.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,899	\$245,047.70-
OVERPAYMENTS	124	\$3,002.56
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	49	\$10,624.24
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	13	\$29,905.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	969	\$1,026,097.54-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	23	\$12,388.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	49	\$104,508.67-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
		=====
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	328	\$685,385.19

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 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	27	\$43,294.05 *
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## AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	12	\$7,418.25
31 - 60 DAYS	20	\$22,956.50
61 - 90 DAYS	17	\$16,614.25
91 - 120 DAYS	23	\$32,322.58
121 - 150 DAYS	28	\$43,562.40
151 - 180 DAYS	8	\$6,171.95
181 - 365 DAYS	36	\$18,930.38
OVER ONE YEAR	146	\$90,284.24
OVER TWO YEARS	151	\$120,996.75
OVER THREE YEARS	502	\$376,860.60
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	943	\$736,117.90

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	5	\$1,426.24
CURRENT	11	\$8,552.01
1 - 30 DAYS	1	\$115.47
31 - 90 DAYS	10	\$11,962.01
91 - 180 DAYS	13	\$7,995.48
181 - 365 DAYS	28	\$17,145.11
OVER ONE YEAR	185	\$192,549.20
COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	74	\$445,090.13
AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1	\$549.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	328	\$685,384.65

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
CURRENT MONTH  
08/01/2000-08/31/2000

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,186	\$59,850.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	243	\$6,075.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$65,925.00

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PAID IN FULL	456	\$25,100.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	9	\$450.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$125.00
REFUNDS	2	\$100.00
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$100.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	6	\$300.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	95	\$4,525.00-
NOT GUILTY	7	\$350.00-

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
07/01/2000-08/31/2000

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,959	\$98,950.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	346	\$8,650.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====

TOTAL DUE		\$107,600.00
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PAID IN FULL	1,077	\$57,030.75-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	12	\$600.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$200.75
REFUNDS	5	\$150.00
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$100.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	9	\$450.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	144	\$5,900.00-
NOT GUILTY	30	\$550.00-

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	84,416	\$4,290,107.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	18,939	\$473,953.80
CREDITS	0	\$5,375.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$4,758,685.87

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PAID IN FULL	47,213	\$2,456,152.35-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,260	\$57,454.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	950	\$26,008.42
REFUNDS	176	\$8,525.31
RETURNED CHECKS	63	\$3,375.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	63	\$1,045.00
CREDITS	168	\$156.03-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	135	\$7,850.00
CREDITS	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	4,689	\$200,707.73-
NOT GUILTY	822	\$41,025.00-
		=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,049,194.12



## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	351	\$17,650.00
1 - 30 DAYS	598	\$30,300.00
31 - 60 DAYS	1,158	\$60,205.00
91 - 180 DAYS	976	\$54,790.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,004	\$67,685.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	28,451	\$1,818,564.12
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	32,538	\$2,049,194.12

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,936	\$97,950.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,801	\$147,320.00
91 - 180 DAYS	463	\$30,980.00
181 - 270 DAYS	98	\$6,750.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,175	\$78,794.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	26,065	\$1,687,400.12
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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

# NEWS RELEASE

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September 5, 2000

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: Feb 9.5.00

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

(None)

INFORMATION SECTION

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DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

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FAX

**To:** Tom Gattle

**Fax #:** 318-559-1524

**Subject:** Agenda

**Date:** August 28, 2000

**Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

Please review the attached agenda for the September 7 Commission Meeting and then give me a call.  
Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2000 9:20 AM  
**To:** Roussel, John E  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Susan; Greeson, Cathy  
**Subject:** September Commission agenda

There are no Marine Fisheries agenda items at this time.

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*Dear Susan:*

*I have no agenda items  
from the Auburn Fish Division.*

*Bennie*

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## **LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI OFFICIALS MEET TO DISCUSS RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS ON NON-RESIDENT LICENSE FEES**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary James H. Jenkins Jr. and Thomas Gattle, chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, met yesterday with Mississippi officials to discuss a reciprocal agreement aimed at providing fair non-resident license fees for residents who hunt or fish in the neighboring state. Non-resident license fees became an issue in both states after the Louisiana Legislature raised fees for both resident and non-resident hunting and fishing licenses in June.

At the direction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Commission, fish and game agencies in both states were tasked with developing proposals for presentation to their respective commissions. Both commissions have broad authority to enter into reciprocal agreements. The Mississippi commission will meet again on Aug. 23; the Louisiana commission meets on Sept. 7.

The increases in Louisiana resident and non-resident fees, which took effect June 27, are expected to generate approximately \$8 million in additional revenue for LDWF, according to Undersecretary James Patton, the agency's chief financial officer. Many of the fees had not been raised since 1987 and the increases were needed to offset a projected \$9 million shortfall in the agency's \$57 million budget for fiscal year 2001, which began July 1.

Patton said resident fees are expected to generate about three-fourths of the additional revenue. Unlike many other state agencies, LDWF receives no state tax dollars. Instead, the agency's operations are funded primarily by license fees.

"We're meeting with our counterparts in Mississippi and we're hopeful that the two states can work together as neighbors to resolve this situation to everyone's satisfaction," said Jenkins.

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"Our meeting has opened up a valuable dialog between both states amid a growing public outcry from Mississippi sportsmen," noted Dr. Sam Polles, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"The meeting we had yesterday with Louisiana wildlife officials was very positive and definitive toward resolving some reciprocal agreements between both states to the mutual benefit of Mississippi and Louisiana sportsmen," said William Pittman, chairman of the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

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### Saltwater License Fees Up For Grabs

**JACKSON** – Mississippi officials met with officials of the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries in Baton Rouge yesterday to discuss the issue of non-resident hunting and fishing fees, according to the Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

The meeting stemmed from recent action by Louisiana to raise non-resident saltwater and all game hunting license fees.

In late June Louisiana raised annual non-resident saltwater fishing fees from \$67 to \$110, and non-resident all game hunting license fees to \$525.

"Our meeting has opened up a valuable dialog between both states amid a growing public outcry from Mississippi sportsmen," Executive Director Dr. Sam Polles said.

"Numerous options were discussed which will be presented to our five-member Commission at its Aug. 23 meeting here at our office in Jackson."

"The meeting we had yesterday with Louisiana wildlife officials was very positive and definitive toward resolving some reciprocal agreements between both states to the mutual benefit of Mississippi and Louisiana sportsmen," Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Chairman William Pittman of Columbia said.

In addition to the hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, Polles said resolving the saltwater license increase is still on the table, according to Louisiana officials. "We will work

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closely with the Commission on Marine Resources in our dealings with Louisiana to revisit the non-resident license increase for Mississippi sportsmen."

The Commission on Marine Resources has the final authority in setting non-resident saltwater license fees.

Polles said it is in the best interest of everyone to finalize this matter prior to the next meeting of the Mississippi Legislature in January.

Louisiana's Wildlife and Fisheries' Commission will hold its next meeting in Baton Rouge on Sept. 7.



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## Anglers hoping for lower Louisiana fishing fee

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**BATON ROUGE** - Mississippi saltwater anglers will continue paying top dollar for a nonresident saltwater fishing license in Louisiana.

But there is hope the fee could be lowered at a meeting next month.

The fishing license battle between the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks looked promising Thursday after Louisiana officials discussed options dealing with the annual \$110 out-of-state fee.

Louisiana officials agreed to let the Louisiana Commission on Wildlife handle the saltwater license issue at its meeting on Sept. 7. The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife and Fisheries meets in Jackson next Wednesday to discuss a possible nonresident hunting license increase.

The annual hunting license, currently \$225, could increase to \$500, which is what Louisiana charges nonresidents.

Louisiana officials said they will attend the Jackson meeting.

Many Mississippi anglers were hoping the Louisiana Department of Wildlife would reduce the saltwater license fee of \$110. But the department cannot reduce any rates. Any fee reduction has to come from the Louisiana Commission on Wildlife, which is the governing body composed of governor-appointed officials.

Instead, Louisiana officials focused on what Mississippi will do at its Aug. 23 meeting.

Based on the Mississippi meeting, the Louisiana Commission will make its decision whether to leave the fee at \$110 or consider reducing it during the Sept. 7 meeting.



At the Baton Rouge meeting, Dr. Sam Polles, the executive director of the MDWF&P, discussed the license issue with Jimmie Jenkins, the executive director of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife, in a closed meeting. Polles left the meeting encouraged and said he looks forward to the Mississippi Commission meeting.

"When we got over there, there were 14 (Louisiana officials) and two of us, but we held our own," Polles said. "All joking aside, we had a good discussion on numerous options that we will present to our commission at our next meeting in Jackson."

Jim Walker, public relations director for the MDWF&P, said the Baton Rouge meeting left open a possible solution between the two states.

"We are pleased with the dialogue we now have with Louisiana Wildlife officials," Walker said. "Along with our sister agency, the Department of Marine Resources, we are hopeful that the Louisiana officials will reconsider their recent nonresident saltwater fishing license rate increase."

James Patton, the chief financial officer for Louisiana Wildlife, did not return phone calls on whether the saltwater license topic will be on the agenda on Sept. 7.

In July, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries raised the nonresident saltwater fishing license fee from \$68 to \$110. The increase, which upset Mississippi residents, went into effect to help offset the department's \$9 million deficit.

In return, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in Biloxi approved a \$110 fishing license for Louisiana residents. The effective date for that increase has not been set.

As a direct result of Louisiana's increase on nonresident fishing licenses, the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources voted in July to increase the lifetime sportsman license for hunting from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Louisiana has long been known for its excellent fishing, while Mississippi boasts a plentiful hunting season.

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